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TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1883.

Annual meeting of the American Geographical Society, held at Chickering Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1883, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Chief-Justice DALY, President, took the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

Amos F. Eno, George W. Cass, J. Searle Barclay, Charles A. Schermerhorn, Maynard C. Eyre, Francis C. Bowen, L. Franklin F. Genet, Wm. V. Carolin.

The annual report of the treasurer, Mr. George Cabot Ward, was read by the chairman of the Finance Committee. This showed a balance to the credit of the general fund of $325.90 and a permanent fund of $14,417.84.

The report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The annual report of the Council was then read, as follows :

New York, January 5, 1883. Since the last annual report, six regular, and one special, meetings of the Society have been held, and eight stated, and five special, meetings of the Council.

On the 10th of Jan., 1882, Gen. George W. Cullum, U. S. Army, Vice-President of the Society, read a paper entitled "The Acropolis of Athens."

On Feb. 24th, Mr. George Kennan delivered a lecture on "Siberia, the Exiles' Abode, and The Sufferings of the Survivors of the Jeannette."

On March 21st, Gen. R. E. Colston, late of the general staff of the Egyptian Army, delivered a lecture on "Modern Egypt and Its People."

On April 13th, Chief-Justice Daly, LL.D., President of the Society, delivered an address upon "Spain, the Straits of Gibraltar and Tangier in 1881."

On November 17th, Mr. Paul B. Du Chaillu delivered a lecture on his "Journeys in Norway, Sweden, Lapland, and Northern Finland."

On Monday evening, Dec. 4th, at the Society Rooms, No. 11 West 29th Street, Chief-Justice Daly read a paper respecting the authenticity of the various portraits of Columbus, and this was followed by remarks on the same subject by Mr. Nestor Ponce de Leon.

On Dec. 20th, Andrew D. White, LL.D., President of Cornell University, and late U. S. Minister to the German Empire, delivered a lecture on the "New Germany."

All of the lectures, except one, were illustrated by stereopticon views.

The annual report of the treasurer, Mr. George Cabot Ward, showed a cash balance for the general fund of $325.90, and that the permanent fund amounts to $14,417.84.

One hundred and fifty-three Fellows have been elected during the year, eleven of whom became Life Fellows by the usual payment. Six Fellows, elected in previous years, have qualified as Life Fellows during 1882.

The publications of the Society have been regularly distributed to its Fellows and also to 123 geographical and other scientific bodies of Europe and America with which this Society is in correspondence and exchange.

The additions to the Library of the Society and its Map-Room have been 826 items, of which 164 are books, 571 pamphlets, and 81 maps.

The State Survey, which owes its existence to the initiative of the Society, has continued its labors during the year, making good progress and affording satisfactory results.

In conclusion the Council again congratulates the Fellows on the very prosperous condition of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WILLIAM REMSEN,

Chairman of Council.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report:

The Nominating Committee appointed to select officers to fill vacancies, under resolution of the Society passed at its meeting of December 20, 1882, respectfully report the selection of the following nominees for election in accordance with Chapter V., Section 2, of the By-Laws:

For President—Charles P. Daly, LL.D., term to expire January, 1884.

For Vice-President—Roswell D. Hitchcock, D.D., term to expire January, 1886.

For Recording Secretary—Elial F. Hall; term to expire January, 1886.

For Treasurer—George Cabot Ward; term to expire January, 1884.

For Councillors—T. Bailey Myers, Egbert L. Viele, Chandler Robbins, Theodore W. Dwight, and Joseph W. Drexel; terms to expire January, 1886.

(Signed) OLIVER P. HUBBARD, *Chairman.*
JAMES O. SMITH,
JOHN McMULLEN,
Nominating Committee.

January 4, 1883.

The report was, on motion, unanimously adopted, and the Society proceeded to a ballot, which resulted in the election of the ticket as given.

The President then introduced to the meeting Daniel C. Gilman, President of Johns Hopkins University, who delivered a lecture on the subject of the "North American Continent—Four Centuries of Discovery."

At the close of the lecture, on motion of Judge Charles A. Peabody, the thanks of the Society were voted to President Gilman for his able address.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) ELIAL F. HALL,
Recording Secretary.

Meeting (Special) of February 5th, held at Society's Rooms, 11 West 29th Street.

Vice-Pres't Gen. G. W. CULLUM took the chair.

Mr. T. H. Lambert, of Paris, read a paper entitled, "The Origin of the name of America from the National History of the Peruvians."

On the conclusion of the reading the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Lambert, and a copy of his paper was requested for publication in the Bulletin.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of February 15, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY, President, took the chair.

The reading of the minutes of last meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

Hamilton McK. Twombly, A. P. Strout, A. M. Judson, Theodore Houston, Albert C. Whyland, Wm. D. Marvel, John Byers, Geo. E. Simpson, Thomas C. Clarke, Sumner R. Stone, Henry T. Kneeland, H. K. Miller, Enoch Conklin, John Greenough (L. F.), Fredk. A. Potts, W. H. Tutt, M.D., James E. Granniss, Martin R. Cook, Sir Randall H. Roberts.

Dr. E. R. Heath, of Wyandotte, Kansas, was elected a Corresponding Member.

Vice-Pres't F. A. STOUT then introduced to the meeting Commandant Alfred Aylward, late of the staff of Gen. Joubert, Commander of the Boers in the war between the Transvaal Republic and the English.

Commandant Aylward gave an account of "Dutch South Africa," and of the institutions, mode of life, and history of the Boers.

On the conclusion of the lecture the thanks of the Society were voted to Commandant Aylward, and the meeting then, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting (Special) held at the Rooms of the Society, 11 West 29th Street, March the 5th.

Chief-Justice DALY presided.

Dr. Thomas Antisell, of Washington, read a lecture on "The Currents of the Pacific Ocean."

These were of such a character, he argued, that the theory of an open Polar Sea, as the result of their influence must be pronounced untenable. The one warm current of the Pacific towards the North was due to the monsoons, and existed only in the warm season. The ridge-like formation of the sea-bottom at Behring Strait further made the open Polar Sea impossible by intercepting the warm ocean current.

Judge Daly coincided in opinion with the lecturer.

The thanks of the Society were voted to Dr. Antisell, and the meeting, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of March 20th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY presided.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

Benjamin Brewster (L. F.), Henry E. Chapman (L. F.), W. Jennings Demorest, Adalbert Ames, Leonard G. Quinlin, D. H. King, Jr., Abiel Abbot, Robert H. Parks, Thomas P. Salter, C. H. Bachem, Walter Bound, Cyrus O. Baker, J. Lowrie, Oliver F. Berry, E. J Donnell (L. F.), John Sinclair (L. F.), Henry W. Klutschak, Horace L. Hotchkiss, Edward C. Spofford, Charles J. Henry, Henry B. Hebert, Herbert Barber, Albert Aub, W. T. Colbron, S. P. Knapp, H. D. Chase, Wm. B. Beekman.

Judge Daly then said :

"We had expected to have with us this evening the Malagasy Embassy, which had accepted our invitation and had reached Philadelphia on its way hither, when a request for its presence at Washington was received. This the ambassadors did not feel at liberty to refuse, and they sent a letter of regret through their Secretary, Mr. Pickensgale. In this emergency Dr. Samuel Kneeland has kindly consented to read a paper on the Philippine Islands, and it may well be that the Society will find itself a gainer by the change."

Judge Daly then introduced Dr. Kneeland, who entertained the

Society with the result of his studies and personal observations on this very interesting archipelago. The lecture was illustrated with stereopticon views.

At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks to the speaker was moved and carried, and a copy of his paper was requested for publication in the Bulletin.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of April 16th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY took the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

W. F. Bishop, Wm. M. Earle, Joseph S. Decker, Rev. H. Clay Trumbull, Wm. R. Weeks, Lewis H. Spence, Harry Allen, J. T. Atterbury, Walter Bourne.

Judge Daly then said the meeting of the evening had been called to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Peter Cooper. This was peculiarly fitting in this Society, since it was by the generous assistance of Mr. Cooper that it had been saved from extinction at a critical period of its history. Mr. Cooper had given the shelter and the accommodations which preserved the collections and kept the Society together for years, and all this absolutely without charge.

Judge Daly's acquaintance with Mr. Cooper for more than forty years had deeply impressed him with the consistent uniformity of that excellent man's character.

Gen. Viele spoke of Mr. Cooper's inventive faculty and executive ability. It was he who invented a method of using anthracite coal to advantage, and the nation was also indebted to him for the establishment of the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Judge Richard O'Gorman said that Mr. Cooper had studied, most of all, the difficult science of doing good, and sought always, with increase of means, to extend the sphere of his benefactions.

The career of such a man honored the people from which he sprung.

Gen. Viele then offered a series of Resolutions, embodying the recognition of the Society's obligations to Peter Cooper and the ex-

pression of its regret at his decease, and ordering that his portrait be painted and placed in the Collection of the Society.

These Resolutions, on motion, were unanimously adopted.

Judge Daly then introduced Lieut.-Gen. C. P. Stone, late Chief-of-Staff of the Egyptian Army, who delivered a Lecture on "The Political Geography of Egypt." The speaker gave a review of the changes in the condition and the relations of Egypt to the Great Powers and to the neighboring regions of Africa during the last one hundred years.

On motion of Judge Peabody a vote of thanks was passed to Gen. Stone, and a copy of his paper was requested for publication in the Bulletin ; and the Society then, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of November 20th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY occupied the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society:

Edmund Abdy Hurry (L. F.), Alfred M. Hoyt (L. F.), John C. Goodridge, Jr. (L. F.), E. Francis Hyde, A. Bernard Jäger, Dr. J. D. Quackenbos, Jos. J. O'Donohue, James D. Fish, J. M. Emanuel, Henry L. Smith, Louis Stern, Henry Clews, Thos. B. Peddie, Rev. Anton B. Schweninger, Coe Adams, Walter M. Aikman, Robbins Battell, Robt. D. Benedict, Wm. R. Bell, Eugene G. Blackford, Thomas Stent, Wm. B. Hoyt, William Adams, Richard T. Wilson, Frank L. Tapscott, Brinton Richardson, Donald MacKay (L. F.), James McCreery (L. F.), George R. Howell, Abraham L. Jacobs, Julius A. Kohn, Wm. P. Clyde, Thomas Dickson, Wm. Alex. Smith, Albert S. Rosenbaum, Felix Gottschalk, Daniel C. Robbins, E. B. Morgan, Theodore M. Banta, Charles W. Bangs, Edward Barr, Tunis G. Bergen, Ludovic Bennet, Frederick Blake, Charles Mali, George M. Coit, James M. Ives, J. H. Thomas, Flamen B. Candler, Edmund Terry, Wm. Cary Sanger.

John A. Halderman, U. S. Minister to Siam, and Ensign Geo. C. Foulke, U. S. Navy, were elected Corresponding Members.

On motion, duly seconded, the following gentlemen were appointed to represent the Society at the Centennial Celebration of Evacuation Day :

Gen. Geo. W. Cullum, Judge C. A. Peabody, Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, Thomas C. Acton, N. P. Bailey, T. Bailey Myers, Edwards Pierrepont, H. B. Hammond, Joseph W. Drexel, Prof. T. W. Dwight, Wm. Remsen, E. F. Hall, Douglas Taylor, D. O. Mills, Chandler Robbins, W. G. Hunt, Robt. Lenox Kennedy, Clinton Gilbert.

President Daly then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. George Kennan, who delivered an entertaining lecture on "A Journey through Southeastern Russia," with descriptions of the scenery, inhabitants, and natural features of the country. A number of stereopticon views were shown after the lecture.

On motion, a vote of thanks to the speaker was passed, and he was requested to furnish a copy of his paper for the Bulletin.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Meeting of December 17th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice Daly, President, took the chair.

On motion, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

Geo. W. Banker, James R. Steers, Jr., Danl. K. Valentine, Adrian Van Sinderen, Isaac F. Russell, Wm. Lummis, R. P. Lounsbery, Theodore Wilson, Arthur T. Hendricks, Thos F. Rowland, Charles C. Noble, Walter Kerr, Rufus L. Scott, Julio F. Sorzano, Spencer Trask, Ernest Thalmann, George Bowles, Joseph S. Stout, Wm. B. Taylor, Elihu Spicer, Eustace W. Fisher.

The President then introduced to the meeting Mr. Alfred R. Conkling, who delivered a Lecture on "Mexico: Her Physical Geography and Resources." After a sketch of the great features of the country, Mr. Conkling gave an account of the projected lines of railway, amounting in all to 13,000 miles. Many illustrations were given by the stereopticon.

The thanks of the meeting were voted to the speaker.

On motion, duly seconded, the following gentlemen were then chosen a Committee on Nominations to select Candidates for vacancies, to report at the annual meeting in January, 1884 :

Joseph J. Little, *Chairman*, Henry W. Dunshee, Alexander McL. Agnew.

On motion, the Society then adjourned.